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Remarks.

The status identifier for Claims 9 and 18-31 has been changed from withdrawn to canceled. The definition of X in Claim 1 has been underlined. All other markups of the above listed claims were presented in the Response dated October 5, 2005 and no other modifications have been made.

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Summary.

Applicants believe that no new matter has been introduced by the amendments to the claims. Applicants believe that the claims are in a condition for allowance. They respectfully request that the claims be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,

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